



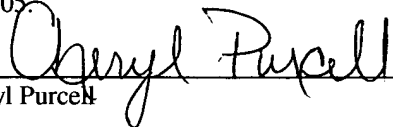
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In response to the Final Office Action mailed July 13, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows.